

NH Prescription Drug Affordability Board

In-person / Remote Hybrid Meeting

November 30 2021, 1:00 PM

NOTE: This meeting was recorded and a recording of the entire meeting, in addition to all presentations, are available at:

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/nhpdab/previous-meetings.htm>

CALL TO ORDER: Representative Gary Merchant, Chair, opened the meeting at 1:06 P.M.

ATTENDING: Representative Gary Merchant, Representative William Marsh, Representative James Murphy (elevated from alternate to member, replacing Todd Fahey), Senator Tom Sherman, Senator Cindy Rosenwald. Todd Fahey via Zoom.

A quorum was established.

ABSENT: Senator Sharon Carson, Staci Hermann.

AGENDA REVIEW: Representative Gary Merchant reviewed the agenda with the Board. He stated, due to time constraints by Senator Tom Sherman, the Insurance Department and PBM presentations will be moved down towards the end of the agenda. Senator Sherman will be adding an agenda item related to an LSR. No objections were made.

REVIEW AND APPROVE OCTOBER MINUTES: Motion to accept minutes of the October meeting made by Senator Sherman; Representative Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

NOTIFICATION LETTER, MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION AND MANUFACTURER PRICING DATA: Attorney Phillips and Attorney Berry worked on crafting the notification letter to be sent to manufacturers and their responsibility to register and report pricing data. Attorney Berry spoke about the process of registering and reporting, via the Board website. All instructions and related documents will be available on the website by early December. David Wieters, DHHS, displayed and reviewed the Smartsheet form functions for registration. Motion to accept the letter template and registration form made by Senator Tom Sherman, seconded by Representative William Marsh. Motion passed via roll call.

LSR 22-3071 Discussion: Senator Sherman displayed and reviewed the LSR's origin, related to discussions by the Board. The LSR is amended to allow for alternates to replace any member of the Board, versus being assigned to a specific member, as well as some wording changes to the Conflict of Interest aspect. Senator Sherman asked the Board if they would like him to add to the LSR, the ability for the Board to meet remotely, to maximize the chances of meeting quorum. All agreed to leave it as is, to ensure the original intent of the LSR passes. Motion to accept the LSR draft, as is, made by Senator Sherman, seconded by Representative Murphy. Motion passed via roll call.

RULES UPDATE: Attorney Rob Berry reviewed the progress and changes. He is hopeful there will be a full draft available for consideration at the next meeting in January, expecting comments at that time and then a redraft ready for March, followed by a formal submission for adoption process. A full adoption expected by June or July.

UPDATES ON STAFFING AND ASSESSMENT FEES: Attorney Berry spoke about an accounting unit being established prior to the job posting and filling; expecting to get to that point by February.

NH INSURANCE DEPT. AND PBMs: Tyler Brannen, NH Insurance Department, displayed and reviewed his presentation on PBMs (Pharmacy Benefit Management). He clarified their function and role within the pharmaceutical world. Tyler spoke about the various statutes that govern PBMs.

PBM PRESENTATION: Heather Cascone, PCMA (Pharmaceutical Care Management Association), displayed and reviewed her presentation on the Role of Pharmacy Benefit Managers in the Health Care System. Heather clarified that PCMA represents the nation's PBMs. She stated the purpose of the presentation was to highlight how PBMs lower costs and provide value to the purchase of prescription drug benefits.

Various questions from the Board were addressed with Heather, to which she stated she would research the ones she did not know the answer to and follow up with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Next Board meeting is January 24, 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Representative Gary Merchant: seconded by Representative William Marsh; motion passed via rollcall.

Respectfully submitted:

Todd C. Fahey, Clerk

Nancy T. Plourde, Recording Secretary